



Little River Currents

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Per Cap Planning Continues: *Ogema Presents Draft Plan to Tribal Council for Approval*

At a Tribal Council meeting in May the Ogema submitted a draft plan to the Council detailing a per capita distribution and management process. Tribal members in the audience were given a copy of the draft and the Ogema explained the plan to Council, staff and members.

As of this writing the Ogema encourages the Council to approve a plan and forward it to the Department of Interior. If that happens disbursements of gaming proceeds could start early in 2005.

Within this issue of Currents you'll find detailed financial reports that highlight the more important parts of the draft plan. The center section of this newspaper can also be pulled out of the paper and be read as a separate document.



From left, Tribal Members Carol Bennett, Kim Alexander & Leatrice Castonia look over the draft Per Cap plan from Ogema Sprague.

As always, effective communication from the membership is critical and additional per cap discussion meetings are being planned to provide members with more opportunities to make their views known until per cap becomes a reality.

Water Walkers Visit Manistee Reservation *Bringing Awareness to our Sacred Waters*



This copper bucket holding sacred water has traveled many miles in the hands of Anishinaabe Grandmothers.

Last month over 70 people attended a welcoming luncheon held for a few special Ogema-kwe who were continuing their journey of awareness around the Great Lakes. The Anishinaabe grandmothers were warmly received by LRBOI Tribal members, staff and other supportive people who gathered at the Little River Casino Resort Three Fires conference room to hear their important words.

A special message is being carried by the Mother Earth Water Walkers, one of sacredness and importance regarding the quality and use of water for all creatures. The Walkers carry a copper bucket of water drawn from Lake Michigan. From Walker to Walker the bucket is passed and the burden of weight shared by all. Only women are given the blessing to carry the bucket al-

though they are joined by men who carry an Eagle staff to provide protection and support for the ladies as they walk.

Walking from sun up to sun down, the Walkers averaged about 40 miles a day. They traveled the length of Lake Michigan and have plans to walk around each of the Great Lakes over the next few summers. As they walk they offer songs and prayer to each lake, river or stream they cross, giving thanks for the gift of life that water provides us all.

When asked what the most difficult part of the journey was, surprisingly it wasn't sore feet, but the sadness they felt as they passed the many, many dead animals alongside the road. However, the good attitudes and single vision of the group helps to overcome the negatives, even during the times when they didn't get support of communities or businesses who were unable to receive their message.

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LRBOI Councilwomen Attend Tribal Summit

Over the last few months there have been various Tribal summits where Tribes from Michigan have gathered to discuss important issues like gaming, sovereignty, and hunting and fishing rights. In this picture, LRBOI Councilwomen, Pamela Medahko, Patricia Ruitter, Elaine Porter, Tammy Kleeman and Lisa McCatty sit for a picture during the noon break at a Natural Resources Summit. Other Tribes represented at the Summit included the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chipewewa Indians and the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.





Outlook from the Ogema

Boozhoo,

On May 19th I submitted to the Tribal Council and the Membership, a draft Per Capita Distribution Plan. Essentially, the plan distributes 50% of the net gaming revenues generated by the Little River Casino Resort to the Membership. This plan, in its current draft, will distribute revenues to individual members twice a year. Once the plan is submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, it must be approved or disapproved within 90 days.

I forwarded the plan in anticipation that it will be approved by the Tribal Council through a method they approve of and forwarded to the Secretary so the Tribe can start the Per Capita distribution beginning in 2005.

We have started the planning process for the 2005 budget. The budget will look different than it has in past years. Tribal Member benefits for Health, Education, and Membership Assistance will change to assist the members who have a demonstrated need based on income.

With each Tribal Member receiving a direct financial benefit, they will be able to determine where they spend the money rather than the Tribe.

The draft Per Capita plan can be found inside the center of this paper. One highlight is the Endowment and Investment Fund. This fund is designed to grow with time and provide support for future generations' governmental activities, economic development and direct financial benefits to Tribal Members in addition to the 50%

distribution.

We will have to increase the efforts in Grants and Contracts and increase the amount of money we receive from Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Self Governance is part of the equation. Self Governance allows Tribes to contract directly for IHS and BIA dollars based on our criteria, not one dictated by the federal government.

I am also proposing several taxes that will assist Members who will be impacted by the Per Capita Distribution Plan.

- A \$3.25 Tribal tax on each room at the Casino Resort dedicated to the Elders Programs and to assist Elders who are negatively impacted. This tax will generate over a \$276,000 per year assuming an 80% occupancy rate with the expanded rooms proposed for the Casino Resort. With any future expansion of hotel rooms, there will be an increase in revenues for Elders programs.
- A \$3.15 Tribal Tax on each room at the Casino Resort dedicated Health, Education and Children's programs. This tax will generate over a \$267,000 per year assuming an 80% occupancy rate with the expanded rooms proposed for the Casino Resort.
- A \$1.25 Tribal Assessment on each room for administrative costs associated with the cultural/historical space planned as part of the Casino Resort Expansion. This tax will generate over a \$106,000 per

year assuming an 80% occupancy rate with the expanded rooms proposed for the Casino Resort.

Implementing the Per Capita distribution in 2005 will also require that additional financial resources generated by the Casino Resort this year be dedicated to Economic Development, a Transition Reserve Fund to provide for unplanned and unexpected expenditures over the next three years, and a Strategic Reserve Fund used to protect the governmental interests, reservation restoration and sovereignty of the Tribe.

This is a more responsible approach to preserving the integrity of our governmental infrastructure. For our administration to accomplish a responsible transition that allows for a successful Per Capita Distribution to be implemented FY2005, Economic Development is an essential cornerstone for continued growth and revenues.

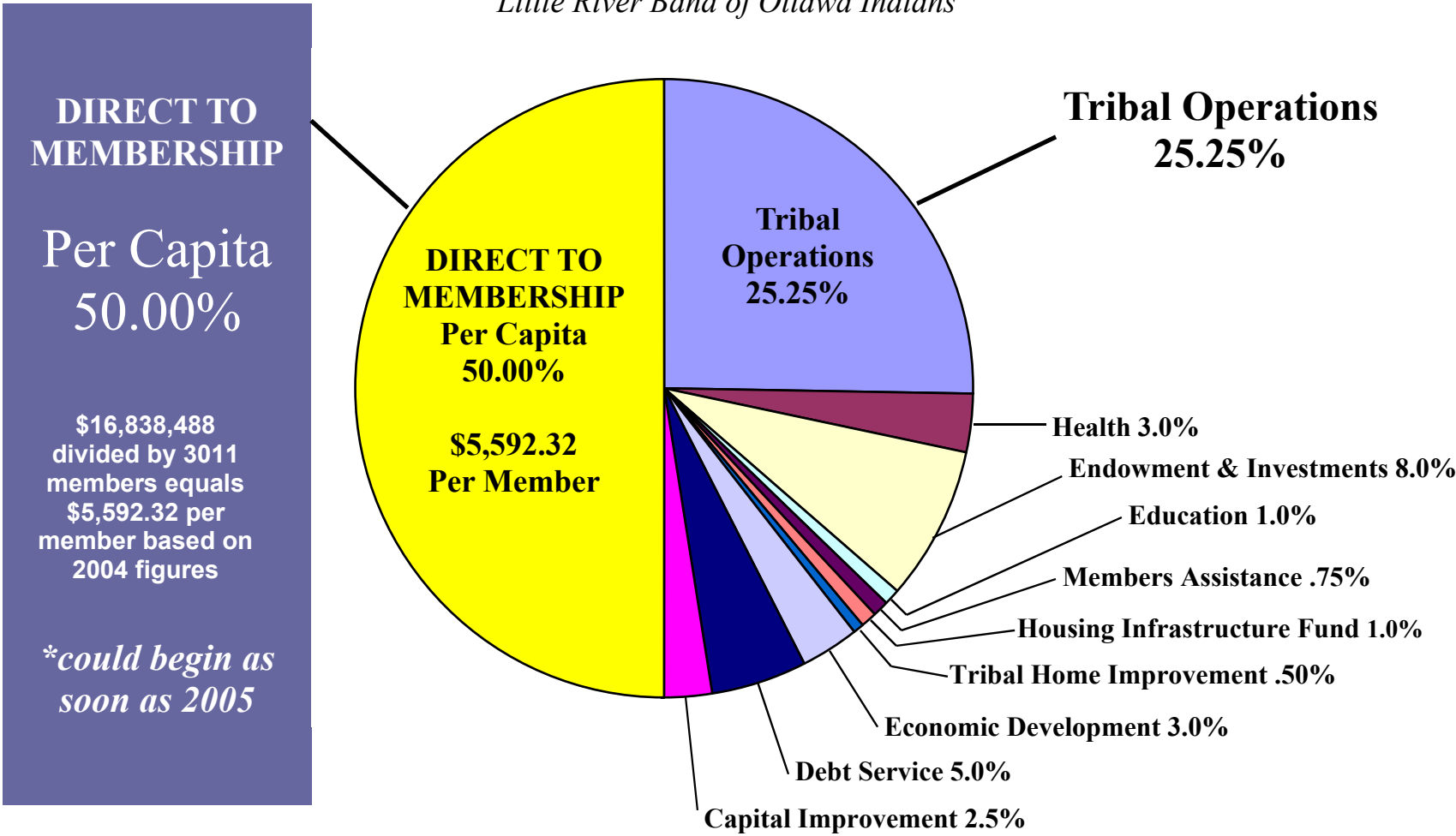
Constitutionally established by the membership, Powers of the Ogema, Article 5, Section 5, (a)8, the Ogema is directly responsible, *"To manage the economic affairs, enterprises, property (both real and personal) and other interests of the Tribe, consistent with the ordinances and resolutions enacted by the Tribal Council."* As Ogema, it is my intention to responsibly manage the Casino enterprise and future enterprises in a manner that protects the long-term financial interests of the Membership and Government.

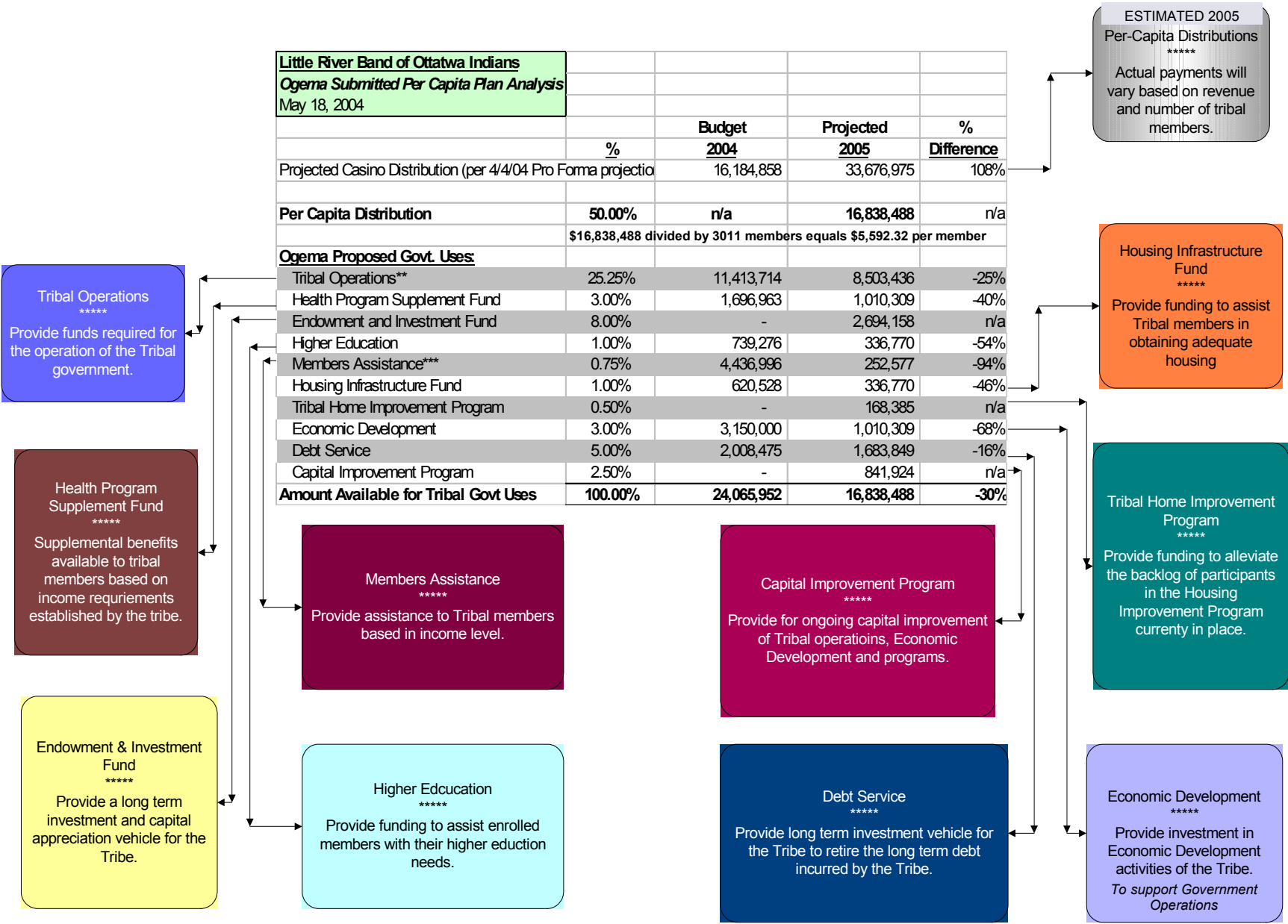
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July 11, 2004

Ogema's Proposed Per-Capita Plan Overview

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians





Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Ogema Submitted Per Capita Plan Analysis
June 10, 2004

Year If approved by Tribal Council & DOI	Projected Deposit	Projected Earnings	Projected Balance	50% of Endow- ment Fund Earn- ings to be divided among member- ship	Per Capita Distribution to each member based on 2004 figures	
2005	2,694,158	67,354	2,761,512		5,592.32	These figures will change over time based on 50% of net revenues divided by total membership
2006	2,694,929	272,822	5,729,263		5,592.32	
2007	3,272,427	450,085	9,451,775		5,592.32	
2008	3,587,850	651,981	13,691,606		5,592.32	
2009	3,922,317	880,696	18,494,618		5,592.32	
2010	4,118,432	1,130,653	23,743,703		5,592.32	
2011	4,324,354	1,403,403	29,471,460		5,592.32	
2012	4,540,572	1,700,602	35,712,634		5,592.32	
2013	4,767,600	2,024,012	42,504,246		5,592.32	
2014	5,000,000	2,375,212	49,879,458		5,592.32	
2015	5,000,000	1,371,986	56,251,445	1,371,986	5,592.32	Beginning in year 2015 membership will receive Per Cap- ita distribution PLUS Endowment & Invest- ment Fund distribu- tion
2016	5,000,000	1,531,286	62,782,731	1,531,286	5,592.32	
2017	5,000,000	1,694,568	69,477,299	1,694,568	5,592.32	
2018	5,000,000	1,861,932	76,339,232	1,861,932	5,592.32	
2019	5,000,000	2,033,481	83,372,712	2,033,481	5,592.32	
2020	5,000,000	2,209,318	90,582,030	2,209,318	5,592.32	
2021	5,000,000	2,389,551	97,971,581	2,389,551	5,592.32	
2022	5,000,000	2,574,290	105,545,870	2,574,290	5,592.32	
2023	5,000,000	2,763,647	113,309,517	2,763,647	5,592.32	
2024	5,000,000	2,957,738	121,267,255	2,957,738	5,592.32	
2025	5,000,000	3,156,681	129,423,936	3,156,681	111,846.40*	*20 year accumula- tion of Per Capita distribution based on 2004 figures
2045	5,000,000	8,365,672	342,992,560	8,365,672	111,846.40*	
2065	5,000,000	16,901,210	692,949,618	16,901,210	111,846.40*	
2085	5,000,000	30,887,683	1,266,395,007	30,887,683	111,846.40*	
2105	5,000,000	53,806,148	2,206,052,049	53,806,148	111,846.40*	
2125	5,000,000	91,360,720	3,745,789,526	91,360,720	111,846.40*	
2145	5,000,000	152,898,260	6,268,828,670	152,898,260	111,846.40*	

NOTE: Estimates based on 6-10-04 draft per capita plan prepared by the Office of the Ogema.
Actual investment results will vary. Estimate based on 5 percent rate of return.

A Members Guide to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court

Judiciary:

Chief Judge: Daniel Bailey
Associate Judge: Ronald Douglas

Appellate Judges: Chief Appellate Judge, Michael Petoskey
Stella Gibson
Vacant

Clerk: Kristine Peterson
Court Administrator: Deborah Miller

Peacemakers: Director, Steve Lewis
Probation/PM, Sandy Walters

Phone Number: 231-398-3406
Fax Number: 231-398-3404

The Clerk's office is usually the first stop in any civil proceeding. The clerk has various forms available that may be required to file before beginning a civil suit. The court staff is prohibited from providing legal advice but can help guide you on how to complete the forms. (The legal department of the Tribe has contracted with attorney Nancy Kida to provide Tribal members with legal advice and assistance.) The fee to begin a civil case is \$50.00. An affidavit is available for anyone who would have a hardship in paying this fee. The fee may be reduced or waived by the Judge depending on the information submitted on the affidavit form.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Court can hear a wide range of civil matters, including divorces, child custody disputes, and various *small claim* issues. The Court can issue a personal protection order to help someone in an abusive relationship or in dealing with harassment.

Our Tribal Court exists for the benefit of the members. Pro se litigants (people representing themselves) will be treated with respect. Our court can provide efficient, inexpensive solutions to the problems of Tribal members. We have a pamphlet available with the meanings of the most commonly used legal terms used in our court. This may help alleviate some of the fears that people have when dealing with the judicial system.

Peacemaking is also a part of Tribal Court. They deal mainly with juveniles, but are available to help solve problems or differences between people, using traditional dispute resolution methods. They have been used in employee issues and have also done child custody mediations with great success.

Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resources

Kent County
YWCA Domestic Crisis Center
(616) 459-4681
Crisis (616) 451-2744

Lake, Mason, and
Oceana Counties
Region Four
Community Services
Crisis (800) 950-5808

Manistee County
CHOICES
Crisis (231) 723-0082

Muskegon County
Every Women's Place
Main (231) 759-7909
Crisis (231) 722-3333 24hr

Newaygo County
WISE
Crisis (231) 796-6600
Or (800) 374-9473

Ottawa County
Center for Women in Transition
Crisis (616) 392-1970
Or (800) 848-5991

Wexford County
OASIS/Family Resource Ctr.
Crisis (231) 775-7233

Excerpt from the new Tribal Tax Agreement brochure

Please call 1-888-723-8288 to get a copy of the brochure

The Tribe (together with other Michigan Tribes) negotiated a Tax Agreement with the State of Michigan to resolve legal questions regarding the taxing authority of the State and the Tribe, and the extent to which the Tribe, Tribal/member-owned business, and Tribal Members are immune (or exempt) from various state taxes.

The Tax Agreement applies the following Michigan taxes:

1. Sales and use tax, which is 6% of the retail price (and which includes the tax on lodging/hotel receipts and the tax on the purchase price of new/used cars, boats, ATVs and modular homes)
2. State income tax, which is 4% of adjusted gross income
3. State cigarette tax, which is currently \$1.25 per pack
4. Motor fuels tax, which is currently \$0.19 per gallon of gasoline and \$0.15 per gallon of diesel fuel
5. State single business tax (Michigan's version of the corporate income tax), which is currently 1.9% of a business' Michigan tax base

This Agreement represents a compromise between the Tribes and the State that was intended to clarify taxation issues and avoid litigation. Residency and location (in the State or on Reservation) are the two factors that the federal courts look to determine the extent to which the Tribe or Tribal Members are immune from state taxes; therefore, most of the Tribal Member exemptions are only available to Members whose residence is within the Reservation, which is referred to as the Tax Agreement Area. The Tribe did negotiate specific exemptions from cigarette and motor fuels taxes that will be available to all Tribal members.

The Tax Agreement requires that the Tribe, Tribal Members and Tribal/Member-owned businesses follow certain procedures and file certain forms to receive the exemptions from the various taxes. In some cases, such as with cigarettes and motor fuels, the Tribe or Tribal Members will need to purchase those items from specific retailers designated by the Tribe. The Tribe will be preparing informational brochures and instructions to help Tribal Members and businesses understand how the Tax Agreement works. The Tribe will also be hiring a Tax Officer who will be responsible for administering the Tax Agreement.

Commodities Department

Good news! The Tribal Council of Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians approved a modification to the Operating Budget for the Tribal Government for Fiscal year 2004 to include grant funds in the amount of \$848.00 from the USDA for the Food Distribution Program. Funds shall be allocated to \$404.00 in Supplies and \$444.00 in Travel. The \$404.00 will be used to purchase supplies such as paint / rollers / brushes / thinner / compound sweep / etc. so we can paint the walls and floors in our warehouse. The \$444.00 will be used in travel for Certification Classes this year in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

The Food Distribution Program staff were happy campers to see extra funds this year so they may achieve some goals for their program. The Food Distribution Program would like to give a big (THANKS) to Mr. Michael Sprague for coming in our department and measuring our walls and floors and giving us information on how much paint we will need to do our warehouse.

Well it's that time of the year again: Mr. John Lovato from OSHA will be in our department this month to give the staff power industrial lift training and operational training on forklift. The training will include:

- Proficiency demonstrated in safe handling of industrial lift truck
- Safe travel habits exercised in operation of lift truck
- Awareness of mechanical components and their function
- How to handle mechanical emergencies while operating equipment
- Safe loading and unloading, stacking, and dropping of procedures
- Practiced general safe operating procedures

Food Distribution Program staff is always ready for performance and planning to complete goals for the Department. For more information call during office Hours 8:00 A.M To 5:00 P.M

WOW, that's a LOT of morel mushrooms found by Yvonne Theodore. To date she's collected over 600 but she won't tell a soul where she found them, go figure...



13 Counties Served:

**Benzie
Mecosta
Lake
Leelanau
Manistee
Mason
Muskegon
Newaygo
Oceana
Ottawa
Wexford
Osceola
Grand Traverse**

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Commodities
Department

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1-231-398-6715
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Write your dedication text out completely, for example: "Happy 60th Anniversary, Aunt Mary & Uncle Harry, April 1, 2004. From your family and friends." Dedications are published EXACTLY as printed in the box below:

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Congratulations

**Marie Kneidl
Jalissa Cabarrubia
Brooke Rynders
and
Joselyn Cabarrubia**

**For winning the
April/May 2004
Kids Coloring
Contest.**

**Way to go Kids!
Your crayons are on
the way to you!**

**Check out page 9
for details on the
new drawing
contest that starts
this month.**

CHS and EHAP NEWS

Wow! I can't believe it is finally SUMMER! Now if the weather would just cooperate, we'd be in business. When that cold front hangs on, all those last minute colds creep up, putting a damper on school events, picnics, etc.

I have just a few announcements, followed by the usual reminders. First, CHS/EHAP staff person, Nita Guenthardt will be vacating her position to work in Economic Development for the Tribe. She was in charge of K thru O. We will miss her a great deal! I will keep you posted as to whom your new worker will be. In the mean time, you may report your information (appointments) or direct any questions you may have to ANY CHS/EHAP staff person. Second, starting July 1st, 2004, Sandy Stevenson will be handling all the T's. She will then have T thru Z in her alphabet.

Here is a list of the newly revised order for CHS/EHAP:

1. Juanita Antoine A thru E
2. Cindy Drake F thru J
3. New employee K thru O
4. Kathy Berentsen P thru S
5. Sandy Stevenson T thru Z

Third, there is a new program getting started for prescription drug coverage through Medicare. All eligible Medicare recipients are encouraged to sign up. It is income based, so your income will determine how much your medications will cost every month. If all Medicare recipients are signed up, it will help reduce the prescription cost that the Tribe covers. This in turn will help our budget go farther. You will need to call the **Medicare toll-free number at 1(800) MEDICARE** for an application or go to the Medicare website at www.Medicare.gov and access it (the application) on-line. We do not have the applications available here. Well, now for the reminders. First, I cannot stress enough about pre-approval. Letting us know at least 48 hours in advance for non-emergency service is not that difficult, we have a toll free number, 1.888.382.8299. Many of the appointments that you have are scheduled **at least 2 weeks** ahead of time, most of them months ahead of time. I know that some people tend to forget at the last minute, that is human nature, but we still cannot pay for the visit. So, if you forget, please do not try and pass it off as an emergency. If you claim it as an emergency, then the doctor's office notes are required. If the notes state the appointment was not emergent or life-threatening, the bill will not be covered. Destroying your credibility over an appointment you forgot to report just is not worth it. Be honest; help us to help you with your health care costs and needs.

Aanii,

Recently I joined the staff of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Family Services Department. I will be serving as a caseworker for the counties of Kent, Newaygo, Lake, and Wexford and helping out with other areas as needed. I am also the Family Violence Prevention worker for the entire nine county service area. I can also serve as a resource person for those living outside the nine county service area.

Previously, I worked for the Tribe as the STOP Violence against Indian Women Planning Coordinator and helped develop LRBOI Domestic Violence Criminal Code for

the Tribal Court. In addition I wrote articles for the newsletter and coordinated a two-day conference in October for Domestic Violence Awareness month. I have a bachelor's degree from Lake Superior State University and am working on my Master's degree at Western Michigan University.

I can be reached toll free by dialing (888) 382-8299 ext. 6614. My local direct line is (231) 398-6614.

I look forward to meeting you and working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Julie Ramsey

That is what we are here for. I know that this program can be difficult to understand with all the regulations bestowed upon us by the Federal Government, but when used correctly, it can be very beneficial to all of us. It would be so much easier to just pay every bill and claim that came to us, less paperwork. But, when we have an audit from the Area office, we would be penalized and have to pay money back to the Federal Agency if they determine the funds were spent inappropriately. So if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Second reminder is for referrals to an emergency room. If you are referred to an emergency room from the Tribal Clinic or any other clinic or physician, you are still required to report that to the CHS/EHAP office within the 72 hour time frame (30 days for elders). **The Clinic or any other office cannot call us. They are not allowed to share that information. This is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.** Also, the life or death rule will apply. That means that we will need the physician/hospital notes for the Managed Care committee to make the final decision for payment.

Lastly, please remember that if you are sending in your own bills/claims or receipts for payment and/or reimbursement, we need to have the **ICD-9** and the **CPT codes** listed on them. If the codes are not on there, the bill/claim or receipt will be returned to you asking for more information. Also, when sending in prescription receipts from the pharmacy, it is best to have the stub or receipt that you get on the bag. This has the name of the medication, doctor's name, date it was filled, pharmacy address, and your co-pay or price on it. Sending in a print-out takes more time to research and probably takes more time for you to receive the special print-out from the pharmacy. These sheets usually have 3 months to 1 year on them. These can slow down the payment/reimbursement process. If you are not sure, please ask.

I would like to take this opportunity to THANK Nita Guenthardt for her awesome 3 plus years of service in the CHS/EHAP department. She will be greatly missed by her co-workers and myself. Chi-Miigwech Nita!!

Remember to call if you have any questions or concerns. The toll free number is 1.888.382.8299 or the local number is 231.723.8299. **There is no such thing as a stupid question, especially when it pertains to your health care.** Miigwech.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Wright
CHS Supervisor



Lunchtime Fun

During a lunchtime makeover, Amber Moore & Alyce Giltz have fun trying on different cosmetics.

A Quick and Friendly Reminder from Family Services

Excited as we may be about spring arriving, we all know what comes in with spring: BUGS and PESTS!! Here are a few tips about protecting yourself from Pesticides. Pesticides are things like bug spray, pet flea collars, rat poison, bleach, and garden weed killer. Pesticides are often a hidden danger. We often don't realize some damages they may cause such as poisoning, birth defects, nerve damage, and even cause cancer. They can make allergies or asthma worse. Just breathing these fumes or dust from pesticides powders and sprays can be harmful. The biggest danger is poisoning. Most poisoning happens when pesticides are not stored safely or misused. The good news is that there are lots of things you can do to protect your family's health and safety. **Use pesticides safely.** Read labels and follow the instructions. Keep out of reach of children. Protect your skin, eyes and your lungs while using pesticides. Never smoke, eat, or drink while using a pesticide and always wash your hands after use. Store

pesticides only in the container it came in and never use an empty pesticide container for something else. Pests need water. Keep them from getting in by sealing cracks and crevices where pests can get in to your home. Get rid of stacks of newspaper, papers, bags, and cardboard boxes that make good homes for pests. Recycle them if you can. You can reach your local *Poison Control Center* by calling 1-800-222-1222 from anywhere in the country. Put this number next to all of your telephones and where you store your pesticide products.

July 16 is the Michigan Indian Family Olympics in Mt. Pleasant. All Tribes in Michigan compete in this event. Little River Band has never taken first place at the Olympics. If you would like to change this fact, please contact Bridget Cole in Education or Julie Wolfe in Behavioral Health.

Submitted by Julie Wolfe

The Education Department wants to remind LRBOI/JOM Students that the target date for the National City Bank Cards should be around the first

of August. Please don't call the office if you don't receive the cards that first week. Getting them ready to mail out is a lengthy process, and with almost 400 cards to mail out it will take some time. Trying to answer all the calls we get about the bank cards around that time takes time away from getting the cards ready to mail, so we ask for your patience, but want to let you know about when to expect cards to come out. They will be mailed by certified mail, so someone will need to sign for them. Also, make sure that your child has his or her current address on file with the Enrollment Department. We will be mailing cards to addresses currently listed with that department, so if you have moved recently or have problems getting mail from the Tribe you should be sure to check that the correct address is on file.

It is time for summer activities again and we want to update you on the events you may want to participate in. For questions or more information about any of the events, please contact Bridget Cole, Youth Assistant or Yvonne Parsons, Education Coordinator.

Carbon Monoxide Prevention

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless gas that is produced when fuels, such as coal, gasoline, kerosene, oil, wood, propane and natural gas burn without complete combustion. When carbon monoxide is present, it rapidly robs the body of oxygen.

To protect yourself and your family from carbon monoxide poisoning:

Do:

- Install carbon monoxide detectors on a wall or ceiling near all sleeping areas in your home to detect the presence of carbon monoxide.
- Make sure gas appliances are properly installed, vented and maintained.
- Have a qualified technician check your furnace and other fuel-burning appliances annually.
- Inspect metal flues and vents for signs of rust and cracking. Do not attempt a repair yourself; have a qualified technician complete the repairs for you.
- Make sure your chimney is not blocked by debris. Obstructions can prevent flue gases from venting properly.
- Keep the area around your heating equipment clean and unblocked to allow proper airflow.
- Keep all furnace compartment doors closed.

Don't:

- Use a gas range or oven to heat your home.
- Operate a vehicle, lawn mower or grill in a closed garage or use an outdoor grill inside the home.
- Operate a generator inside your home, garage or other enclosed building.
- Sleep in a room with an unvented gas or kerosene space heater.

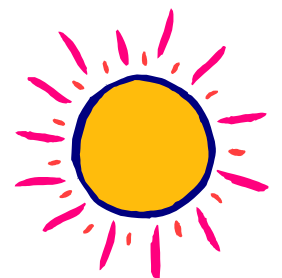
- Use a wood-burning fireplace and furnace simultaneously for a long period of time.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headaches, nausea, vomiting, dizziness, shortness of breath and fatigue.

If you suspect a carbon monoxide problem, immediately open doors and windows and leave the house or building quickly. Call Michcon at 1.800.947.5000 or your natural gas provider, or call a local heating contractor to have an emergency inspection performed (fee may apply). Seek medical attention if needed.

Beat the heat this summer

With summer season almost in full swing, there are a number of steps you can take to manage your electricity use during summer's hottest days:



- Set your air-conditioning thermostat at the highest comfortable setting. We recommend 78 degrees.
- Close blinds, shades and draperies to keep out the sun.
- Run your large appliances (dehumidifiers, dishwashers, dryers, swimming pool filters) later in the evening.
- Watch for dimming lights or a shrinking television picture. These are signs of low voltage.
- Notify DTE Energy or your local electricity provider of low-voltage situations immediately.

This information is brought to you by the Little River Band Housing Department and DTE Energy for more energy saving tips, visit DTE energy website at www.utilities.dteenergy.com.

Anishinaabemowin Language Class

Every Thursday 12:20 pm - 1:20 pm @ Casino Saplings Room

Anishinaabe Language Hotline 1-877-789-0993

People & professions	Press 1
Verbs on cooking	Press 2
More verbs	Press 3
Words opposites	Press 4
Time	Press 5
Body parts	Press 6
Clothing	Press 7
My family members	Press 8
Your family members	Press 9
His/her family members	Press 10
Numbers (10-90)	Press 11
Commands	Press 12
To leave info for language CD ROM	Press 13

Words Opposites

Awake	Kshkwaazi	Asleep	Nibaa
Closed	Gbaakwagaade	Open	Nsaakwasin
Cry	Mwi	Laugh	Baapi
Day	Giizhigat	Night	Niibadibikat
Far	Waasa	Near	Besha
Fast	Gizhiikaa	Slow	Beskaa
Fat	Wiina	Thin	Skanzi

Match the words

Gmiwaan	Leg
Mtig	Two
Pidakijiigan	It is raining
Kaad	Sweet grass
Niibiish aaboo	A woman
Wiingash	A tree
Ngashi	Come here
Niizh	Tea
Kwe	My mother
Maajaan	A fork

Answers from last month

Mnagiizhgat	It is a nice day
Niibiishan	Leaves
Naagan	A plate
Midaasan	Socks (P)
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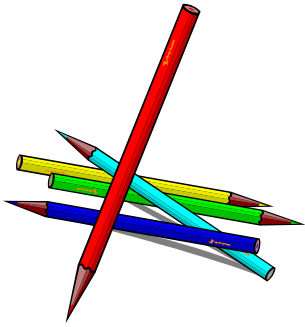
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July Issue - Part 2 of 4 Reservation History Series

The 1855 Reservation Era (1855 - 1870)

Introduction

This is the second article in a four part series being published in Little River Currents that shares what we have learned since re-researching the history of our Reservations. The first article in last month's issue explained the 1821 Treaty of Chicago and the 1836 Treaty of Washington that ceded millions of acres of our territory and created the Manistee Reservation for the Grand River Ottawa.

Our ancestors didn't want to cede the lands in either treaty. They did not want to relocate to lands west of the Mississippi near Kansas. They wanted to be assured of a permanent homeland and they thought the Manistee Reservation would provide them that security within their traditional territory. But a later amendment to the 1836 Treaty by the Senate limited their right to occupy the Reservation to only 5 years – unless the United States allowed them to remain beyond that time. This caused great uncertainty and many problems. This article discusses why another treaty was required to solve the problems that were created, and how the solution failed.



Creating Protected Colonies, the 1855 Treaty of Detroit

The problems created for our Grand River Ottawa ancestors and relatives by the 1821 Treaty of Chicago and the 1836 Treaty of Washington continued to grow during the 1840s and early 1850s. The Senate hoped that by limiting the Ottawa's right to remain on their Reservations, they would be influenced to relocate to Kansas. They were under constant threat of removal.



Throughout the 1840's and 1850's, our people from the Manistee area and other Grand River Band area members who traveled to this area seasonally, continued to live on and use our 1836 Reservation lands. Meanwhile, their Reservation land was being sold off to lumber companies, land speculators and settlers.

The threat of removal from Michigan ended when United States President Franklin Pierce was elected, who appointed a new Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

George Mannypenny, along with Henry Gilbert, a new Superintendent for Indian Affairs in Michigan.

Commissioner Mannypenny believed that Indian Tribes should be settled on Reservations, whose boundaries would be protected to insulate Indian people from the corrupting influences of non-Indians, such as liquor and dishonest traders and land speculators. This would also permit the introduction of more "civilized" influences to assimilate Indians and persuade them to adopt the

"American" ways. Ottawa people, like other Native populations, had not been exposed to liquor before the coming of non-Indians, and the introduction of liquor had already proven detrimental in many Native communities.

Superintendent Henry Gilbert was asked to come up with solutions to the problems created by the 1836 Treaty. Gilbert recognized that the Ottawa would "never consent to remove west of the Mississippi [to Kansas]... from the home of their fathers."

Gilbert proposed that Reservations be created so that the Ottawa people could "be withdrawn to a great extent from the bad influences to which they are now exposed, and brought together in situations where educational enterprise and missionary labor" could more efficiently assimilate them.

Gilbert also recommended that the Reservations be "held for them in trust ... and only conveyed to them in fee as they become capable of taking charge of it themselves." Holding land in trust would protect Tribal members from being defrauded by non-Indians and assure that land remained in Indian ownership.

Commissioner Mannypenny accepted Gilbert's recommendation and, between 1853 and the summer of 1855, began preparing to negotiate a new treaty with the Ottawa and Chippewa. The goals of the United States negotiators were to: further concentrate the various Ottawa and Chippewa bands on a few Reservations, settle financial obligations (annuity payments to Bands and Band members) of the United States created under prior treaties; and to provide Indians with tools they thought would speed up the "civilization" and adoption of American ways.

The primary goal of our leaders, however, was to end the threat that our people might have to leave Michigan and to secure permanent homelands for their people. This sentiment was stated most strongly in a petition to the United States signed by a number of our leaders which stated: "We love the spot where our Forefathers bones are laid, and we desire that our bones may rest beside theirs also".

Ottawa and Chippewa leaders negotiated the 1855 Treaty in Detroit between July 25, 1855 and July 31, 1855. The discussions that took place at those negotiations were recorded in a journal, which was maintained by Richard Smith, who would later play an important role in attempts to protect the Reservations created by the 1855 Treaty. The treaty journal confirms that Ottawa leaders went into those negotiations with the goal of maintaining permanent reservations, which they expected the United States to protect by holding those lands in trust and protected from taxation. In the words of the Ottawa negotiators, they wanted lands that they held by "strong title".

Ottawa leaders wanted Reservations in locations that protected



Photos throughout the page from the Grand Rapids, Michigan

their existing villages and traditional gardens, and which provided Band members with access to the natural resources that sustained them both physically and culturally. In contrast, Commissioner Mannypenny and Agent Gilbert wanted to move the various Bands onto just a few Reservations. For most of our Grand River ancestors, that would mean moving from their existing villages on the Grand, Thornapple and other rivers, to new Reservation lands not yet selected.

Besides concentrating Ottawa Bands onto a small number of reservations, Mannypenny also wanted to promote the “civilization” of the Ottawa by “allotting” or dividing the Reservations into family farms. This idea of “civilizing” Indian people by trying to turn them into “family farmers” was a process that would later be tried with many Indian Tribes.

Most Indian people, including many of our ancestors, were not interested in becoming farmers but simply wanted secure homelands in which to continue their traditional ways and have access to traditional hunting, fishing and gathering areas.



adopted the “civilized” habits of the new settlers in Michigan, teach Indians “the value of private property”, reduce individual Indian’s dependence upon communal Tribal lands, and reduce the seasonal “wanderings” of Indians for hunting and other subsistence activities.

Ottawa negotiators did not object to Mannypenny’s plan to create farms on their new reservations, but they wanted to hold the land by a strong title. Ottawa negotiators requested 160 acre allotments for every man, woman and child. Ottawa leaders also wanted to make sure that Reservation lands would be available for their children and future generations. A number of Ottawa negotiators also wanted assurances that the United States would continue its administration of funds held in trust for the Bands and assurances that their lands would be protected from taxation by the State.



an Reservation Restoration Workshop on June ___, 2004.

Commissioner Mannypenny addressed most of the concerns raised by Ottawa negotiators. Mannypenny assured them that it was the United States’ intent to create “permanent homes” for the Ottawa and there would be “a restriction upon the individuals power of alienation” to provide assurances that “the land will [not] be pulled from under” the Ottawa Tribal members. Mannypenny also provided assurances on the issue of taxation by stating that “in connection with ... the question of taxes .. I am disposed to manage it for your benefit.”



After decades of uncertainty and having the threat of removal hanging over their heads, Ottawa leaders looked forward to the security of having permanent homelands within the new Reservation lands of their Michigan homeland since it was obvious that their traditional riverside homes would not be secure. They agreed to Commissioner Mannypenny’s reservation plan. When details about annuities and services were complete, they agreed to sign the new treaty on July 31, 1855.

Final ratification of the 1855 Treaty for the Grand River Ottawa was delayed while they tried to locate an area of land that was large enough and where claims hadn’t already been made by non-Indians. Original plans were for a Reservation consisting of five contiguous townships in Mecosta County; however, lumber companies had already bought most of the land there. Ottawa leaders next proposed a Reservation consisting of five townships on the Lake Michigan shoreline in Muskegon County. The Michigan Indian Agent, however, opposed this request. He believed that easy access to the Lake Michigan Shoreline would encourage whiskey traders to sell their liquor to reservation inhabitants.

Finally, in December of 1855, four contiguous townships in Mason and Oceana Counties were located by Ottawa leaders, which were believed to be free of claims by non-Indians. One additional township in Muskegon County was also selected by the Grand River Ottawa. Both Ottawa leaders and federal officials traveled to the Ionia Land Office to make sure that no one had made claims for the land. The lands were vacant.



Federal officials recorded the Ottawa’s reservation selection in the 1855 Treaty. The 1855 Treaty was amended to include the final selection of lands that were reserved for the Grand River Bands, township 12 north, range 15 west [Holton Township in Muskegon County] and townships 15 [Elbridge Township], 16 [Crystal Township], 17 [Eden Township], and 18 [Custer Township] north, range 16 west.

The United States ratified the treaty on April 15, 1856 including the new Reservations selected by the Grand River Ottawa. This was the second Treaty in which Ottawa leaders were forced to accept small areas of land within their traditional territories in order to remain in their homelands and continue their way of life.

These reservation boundaries were established by the Treaty and protected by Federal Law. This should have given the Ottawa people the “permanent homes” and “strong title” they had been promised and demanded during treaty negotiations but it did not.

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Good Intentions Gone Bad - Allotting the Grand River Reservation

Commissioner Mannypenny intended that the Reservations recognized in the 1855 Treaty be clearly defined, protected from non-Indian intruders and that they be permanent. Mannypenny stated that Michigan residents must be made to understand the United States government’s policy “that the tribes are to be protected and remain undisturbed within the limits of their reservations, and that policy will be inflexibly adhered to by the government.”

Unfortunately, many people in the government posts charged with adhering to the policy defined by Mannypenny would work to undermine the goal of the treaty to create a permanent reservation for the Grand River Ottawa. Even before the 1855 Treaty was amended and ratified in April of 1856, non-Indian lumbermen and land speculators were already dispossessing the Ottawa of their Reservation lands. Despite requests that the Reservation land be withdrawn from market, the Ionia Land Office quickly sold 3,059 acres of reservation land between December 1855 and April 15, 1856, the date the 1855 Treaty was ratified.

The 1855 Treaty contained a carefully outlined 5-year timetable and process for Ottawa members to select their 40 or 80 acre allotments within their reservations. After the allotment selections were made, the treaty allowed them to purchase any additional land within their reservations boundaries **before** any surplus lands might be made available to non-Indians. Mannypenny expected that Grand River Band members’ selections and purchases would include all of the lands within the Reservations. Indeed, Mannypenny rejected Ottawa requests that allotments be 160 acres in size because he did not believe there would be sufficient lands within the Reservation boundaries for all the Grand River Ottawa to have allotments of that size.

Unfortunately, the timelines established in the 1855 Treaty for completing this process were much too short. Government Agents charged with preparing the lists of lands selected by Grand River Ottawa's were unable to complete the selection process for allotments within the specified time. There were several delays and each delay encouraged squatters to move on the Reservation. They believed that their elected officials would eventually give them title to the Ottawa Reservation lands. Lumbermen also found ways to exploit the delays. They illegally entered the Res-

ervation, claimed ownership of Ottawa land, and cut timber with or without permission of federal officials. Federal officials made only weak efforts to stop this robbery from Ottawa property.

As a result of continuous delays, the Indian agents were unable to even produce an approved selection list of allotments chosen by Tribal members within the 5 year time period within which the entire allotment process was supposed to be completed. It would end up taking Indian agents fifteen years to complete the process of issuing patents – the “strong title” promised - to Grand River Band members.

Had the allotment provisions been carried out as specified in the treaty – first by allotting the land to Grand River Band members, followed by a period where the Ottawa's could acquire the remaining available land within the Reservation - our ancestors would have likely held “strong title” to almost all the land within our Reservation. Instead, due to fraudulent actions and continuous delays in carrying out the allotment process, non-Indians ended up acquiring two-thirds of the Grand River Ottawa’s reservation lands between 1865 and 1880, the very years when the Grand River Ottawa's were attempting to make the allotment selections they were promised by law in the 1855 Treaty.

Commissioner Mannypenny clearly meant to protect the Reservation lands in Mason, Oceana and Muskegon Counties for the Grand River Ottawa's, including those lands reserved for the branch of the Grand River Bands that now comprise the Little River Band; however, a succession of Michigan Indian agents failed to carry out the allotment process for the Ottawa's between 1856 and 1870. Problems included poor record keeping, incomplete boundary surveys and, in some cases, outright neglect by government officials.



Water Walkers

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During the luncheon the Walkers also offered songs for the group and held the bucket aloft for everyone to touch, an opportunity to give and gain strength from the powerful message the Walkers are bringing. Later after the meal the Walkers provided teachings and then struck out once more to begin their walk and draw attention to the importance of water.

A very valuable lesson could be learned from these women; one of courage, shared truths, common goals, and to never give up. Ideally, their continued walks and plans for the future will help all people come together to work towards clean water for the next seven generations.



Governor, Tribal Leaders Sign Accord on Water; Executive Directive Issued on Tribal, State Relations

LANSING – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm and the leaders of the 12 federally acknowledged Indian Tribes in Michigan today signed an intergovernmental accord stating their commitment to the preservation, restoration, and enhancement of the Great Lakes ecosystem and pledged to work together to clean up the pollutants now present in the waters, eliminate exotic species, maintain and preserve diverse water resource habitats, and prevent future contaminants, exotics, and depletion of the waters.

“Native Americans in Michigan are the state’s original environmentalists, and collectively, they have an unparalleled appreciation for our natural resources,” Granholm said. “There is no single resource more important to the future of our state than the water that defines it, and I am pleased that the 12 Indian Tribes in Michigan are working with us to ensure that our water remains a valuable resource for generations to come.”

As a result of the accord, the Governor’s representatives and those of the tribal leaders will meet twice a year to review the quantity and quality of our water resources and develop strategies for protecting them. Those strategies will include recommendations for state, federal, and tribal legislation and international treaties; coordination of permitting activities; and cooperation enforcement of water protection laws.

In addition to Granholm, accord signers included:

Jeffrey D. Parker, President
Bay Mills Indian Community

Robert Kewaygoshkum, Tribal Chairman
Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians

Kenneth Meshigaud, Tribal Chairman
Hannahville Indian Community

William E. Emery, Tribal Council President
Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Richard McGeshick, Sr., Tribal Chairman
Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians

Lee Sprague, Ogema
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

David K. Sprague, Tribal Chairman

Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Pottawatomi Indians

Laura Spurr, Tribal Chairman
Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians

John Miller, Tribal Chairman
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians

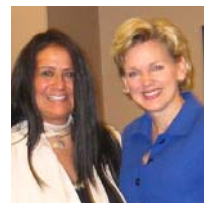
Audrey Falcon, Tribal Chief
Saginaw Chippewa Indian tribe of Michigan

Bernard Bouschor, Tribal Chairman
Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians

Today’s tribal summit fulfills a commitment called for in a tribal state accord signed in December 2002. That accord called for annual meetings between the Governor and the tribal chairs of Michigan’s 12 federally acknowledged Indian tribes, and Granholm has pledged to honor the accord.

In keeping with her support, Governor Granholm issued Executive Directive 2004-5 that incorporates and expands on commitments outlined in Executive Directive 2001-2, which today’s directive replaces.

“Continually improving communications and understanding between our state and the 12 nations will serve us well in the years to come,” Granholm noted. “Just as we have formalized relationships with our neighboring states and the federal government, so, too, is it imperative that we have a formal relationship with the tribal communities in Michigan who are an important part of our history, our culture, and our future.”



The executive directive outlines fundamental principles regarding the federally acknowledged Indian tribes, including that the tribes are sovereign governmental entities, possess authority to exercise jurisdiction over their respective lands and citizens, and possess the right to self-governance.

The directive is designed to carry out the commitments made by the State of Michigan in its October 28, 2002, government-to-government accord with the tribes and calls on the Governor’s advisor on tribal-state affairs to represent the Governor on the tribal-state forum established under the accord.

The forum will monitor implementation of the accord, organize an annual meeting or summit between the Governor and the tribal chairs, and foster improve government-to-government communications between the state executive office and tribal governments.

Thursday, May 13, 2004 3:09 PM

To: enviro-mich@great-lakes.net

Subject: E-M:/ Governor Granholm, Tribal Leaders Sign Accord on Great Lakes Waters
Press release from the Governor's office

CUSTER, SD -- Creighton University student Nancy Kelsey won one of four scholarships at the 5th annual Native American Career Conference held outside Custer, S.D. The scholarships total \$1,500. The conference is sponsored by South Dakota State University, the University of South Dakota, South Dakota Newspaper Association and the Freedom Forum. The conference, the only one of its kind, attracts about 100 Native American high school and college students from 19 different schools. It also draws in top-notch speakers and journalism mentors - including USA Today founder Al Neuharth. Kelsey, of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, is a senior at Creighton majoring in journalism. She is a former Chips Quinn Scholar and graduate of the American Indian Journalism Institute. Kelsey has had internships at the Greeley Tribune (Colorado.) and Fort Collins Coloradoan. She is a regular writer for the popular online Native American newspaper Reznet as well as the Creightonian. This summer she will be a reporting intern for the Minneapolis Star Tribune. She will graduate in December 2004.

From the Education Department

July 20th will be the start of the annual Monarch project- adoption and care of caterpillars and butterfly lifecycle will be the first activity. August 17th is scheduled for the butterfly tagging and release at Magoon Creek.

Three weeks in August will be dedicated to the Education Department sponsored Math, Science and Reading Clubs. These clubs are designed to fill in the dog days of summer. The clubs promise to be exciting and educational. Youth are encouraged to join as many as they wish. Each Club will have three weekly projects. They will be assigned a task on Monday of each week and be expected to complete the task by Thursday of each week. All projects will relate to waterway and the role the waterways play in our Tribal history. At the end of the three-week period the clubs will travel to Manitowoc by boat for a day trip to complete a one-day group project. Schedule is as follows.

Mondays (Aug.2, 9,16)	Reading Club Meeting	9:30am to 11:00am
	Science Club Meeting	11:30am to 12:30pm
	Math Club Meeting	1:00 pm tp 2:30pm
Thursdays (Aug.5, 12, 19)	Reading Club Meeting	9:30am to 11:00am
	Science Club Meeting	11:30am to12:30pm
	Math Club Meeting	1:00 pm to 2:30pm

Final Group project and boat trip is Tuesday August 24th returning same day. Please contact Bridget Cole or Yvonne Parsons to register for clubs. Although registration is helpful in planning it is not necessary only appreciated. (Please note if your youth wishes to attend all clubs they will need a sack lunch for days they are attending)

On September 23rd we will be traveling to Washington DC for the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. Kids 8 to 18, enrolled in school are invited to apply- the application is printed in this newsletter and will also be mailed to Tribal members 8 to 18 years. There is space for 27 students. Please submit an application before July 31, 2004.

Also, a reminder to students 7 and older, we are once again having karate classes at the Community Center in Manistee. Call Bridget or Yvonne at the Education Department if you are interested in participating in any of these events!

Field Trip to Washington, D.C.

National Museum of the
American Indian
Grand Opening Celebrations



Thursday
September 23, 2004
through Sunday
September 26, 2004

Itinerary

Day One: Thursday, September 23, 2004– Travel. We will leave Manistee at approximately 7:00 am. Lunch, dinner and snacks will be on the road.

Day Two: Friday, September 24, 2004– Visit the National Museum of the American Indian. Touring Washington, D.C. sites– Capitol, National Gallery of Art, National Air & Space Museum.

Day Three: Saturday, September 25, 2004- More touring of Washington, D.C. sites– Natural History Museum of American History, Washington Monument, Vietnam War Memorial, Korean Veterans Memorial, Lincoln Memorial.

Day Four: Sunday, September 26, 2004– Travel. We will return to Manistee, arriving at approximately 6:00pm. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be on the road.

If you are 8 to 18 years old, in school, and would like to go on this field trip, fill out an application and send it in. 27 applications will be selected by lottery on July 31, 2004. If your application is selected, you will be notified the following week.

Washington, D.C. Field Trip
Application

PERMISSION SLIP

Washington, D.C. Field Trip

Name:_____	Name:_____
Address:_____	Parent/Guardian Name:_____
City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____	Phone Number:_____
Phone Number:_____	Please identify any limitations or special needs your child(ren) may have, (including medications, behavior, & diet.).
Tribal ID#:_____	_____
Date of Birth:_____	_____
Grade:_____	_____
Parent/Guardian Name:_____	Person to notify in case of emergency if parents cannot be reached.
Address:_____	Name Relationship Day Phone Night Phone
City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____	_____
Phone Number:_____	Parents: My child(ren) named above has/have my permission to attend the Washington, D.C. Field Trip, September 23-26, 2004. In consideration of my child’s opportunity to participate in this event I hereby agree to relinquish the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians and its employees harmless and free from any liability which may arise as a result of any occurrence associated with my child’s participation in this event. In the event of a medical emergency, I give permission for my child to receive medical attention if needed.
	Parent/Guardian Signature:_____ Date:_____
	Youth: I agree to follow the rules for youth activities which includes not drinking, and no drugs. I understand that if I break the rules, I will be asked to leave and my parents will be called to pick me up.
	Youth Signature:_____ Date:_____

National Artist Collin Raye to Appear at Little River

(Manistee, MI) – Little River Casino Resort is proud to bring one of country’s most prolific and profound hit makers, Collin Raye, to perform in an intimate acoustic setting. Shows are July 9 & 10, 2004 at 7:00 pm and 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 and on sale now at the Little River gift shop.

Raye first attracted Nashville’s attention as a lead vocalist on a string of independent singles in the 1980s. He signed an agreement with Epic Records in 1990 and a year later, his solo career took off when “Love, Me” became the first of his chart topping hits. He has a total of four No. 1 singles and 14 Top 5 hits on



“Tribal Member Career Development Spring Tune-Up” was held in the conference center on April 15, 2004. The event was an open house with literature and representatives from LRCR including HR, Training and IT; Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, West Shore Community College, LRBOI Higher Ed., MI Works, and MI Dept. of Labor & Economic Growth. The event offered attendees the opportunity to take an interest assessment, update their resume, look at current job requirements for LRCR positions, update their Individual Development Plan, interact with the vendors previously listed and network with other Tribal member employees. Approximately 30 Tribal members from the LRCR attended this event.

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Scott M. Killips
Player Development Manager

Casino Bets Rolling Billboard Will Get Noticed

Manistee, MI – May 12, 2004 - Little River Casino Resort and Gold Shield Transport Services have completely covered a 45-foot bus with giant casino graphics and 10-foot high smiling faces. Bold letters across the bottom tell passersby that the bus’ passengers are, “Rollin’ to the River.”

“The reaction of people is incredible,” said Derrick Knox, Owner of Gold Shield. “When someone sees the bus they have to ask about it. The day after we finished the bus we had it in New York City at Times Square. It generated so much excitement that a camera crew filmed it and put it on the one of the jumbo screens.”

Area residents can spot the bus during its regularly scheduled trips to Little River Casino Resort. The bus picks up guests at locations throughout Western Michigan including

Muskegon, Grand Rapids, Holland and Benton Harbor. Riders can obtain a schedule by calling Gold Shield at 877-906-4653.

After being on the road for less than a week with the bus, Gold Shield says that it has already received many calls. Group Sales Manager, Karl Waitner also states, “I have already received several calls from people that have passed the bus on the road and have wanted to know how they can use it for their group.”

Little River Casino Resort in Manistee, Michigan is owned by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. The resort features a full service hotel, conference area, three restaurants, and over 1,300 slot machines and table games. Information about the resort and bus trips can be found at

www.littlerivercasino.com.



Tribal Healing Project Comes to Life, Sweet grass is planted



There are some new sweet grass beds planted at the Natural Resources building. In a joint effort with the Grand Traverse Band, Little River exchanged bedding boxes for sweet grass starts. The starts are shown above with some of the Natural Resources Department staff. The plan is to reintroduce the sweet grass onto Reservation properties so Tribal members will eventually be able to harvest for traditional use.

Jay Sam presented information to those attending the planting ceremony and shared the importance of this honored medicine plant among the Anishinaabe people. Although the plant is used for many things Jay stated that it is particularly good that we're getting sweet grass back for the Tribe during times of struggle and growth. Look for photo updates of the sweet grass in future issues.



Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health would like to invite everyone to the 3rd Annual Wellness Walk

Please join us on our Wellness Walk July 3, 2004. Registration opens at 7:00 am and the walk begins at 7:30 am. The Wellness Walk is for everyone to walk for the wellness of others or for themselves. It is an opportunity for everyone in the community to show their support not only for family, but also for friends and community members. Everyone walking will be leaving from the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Pow-Wow grounds (US 31 North & M22), and walk to the R.V. Pavilion at the casino, where we will be serving a light breakfast. A shuttle will be available to take walkers back to Pow-Wow grounds. Free T-shirts to first 125 walkers on the day of the event. . Hosted by Be-Da-Bin and sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.

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Submission Guidelines: Artwork, photos, and poetry will be sent back to you if you send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to return it in. Please include your full name, Tribal identification number and current mailing address with all submissions. If submissions are sent on behalf of a child who is a descendent of a Tribal member, please include the parent or guardian Tribal identification number. If sending photos or artwork please include a description of the subject as well.

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Friday July 30

8:00 Opening & Breakfast
9:15 Presentations / workshops
10:45 Presentations / workshops
12:00 Lunch
1:15 Presentations / workshops
2:45 Presentations / workshops
4:15 Free time
5:00 Dinner
7:00 Talent show
9:00 Entertainment

Saturday July 31

8:00 Breakfast
9:15 Presentations / workshops
10:45 Presentations / workshops
12:00 Lunch
1:15 Presentations / workshops
2:45 Presentations / workshops
4:15 Free time
5:00 Dinner
7:00 Jiingtamok / pow wow
9:30 Movie

Sunday August 1

8:00 Breakfast
9:15 Presentations / workshops
10:45 Presentations / workshops
12:00 Lunch & Giveaway

These presentations and workshops are for all ages and both Anishinaabemowin and English will be used. First come first serve for the camping area. This gathering will take place at the pow wow grounds in Manistee Mi. located at the corner of M 22 and US 31 S across from the Casino. There are showers on site. If you wish to book a room you have to do it early. This is a 11 year anniversary of this gathering and we would like everyone to bring their flags from each community and we would like to display the flags on the camp grounds the whole weekend to show unity and support for the language and culture. Also we encourage each family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

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For more information please call Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant at 231-933-4406,
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**GRAND ENTRY 1PM
BOTH DAYS
7PM SATURDAY**

**No Charge Entry Fee for
LRBOI Tribal Members
with Tribal ID Card**

**LRBOI
Natural Resource Commission
Presents**

Bimaadidaa!

**"Let's live life in a
traditional manner!"**

Come and meet the men and women
who diligently work on preserving our
Tribal lands, waterways and resources.

Find out how a traditional diet can en-
hance the quality of your life and the life
of our future generations.

Dine on delicious traditional foods like
elk, venison, white fish, bear, wild rice
and more!

**Prizes for all ages
Traditional Giveaway
Saturday August 14, 2004
11am-4pm
Interim Casino Building
M22 & US31**

90-Day Calendar & Contact Information

BE-DA-BIN 3RD ANNUAL WELLNESS WALK
July 3, 2004
Departs 7:30am from LRBOI Gathering Grounds
Call Behavioral Health Clinic for more information.

1st ANNUAL RIVER FLOAT TRIP
July 4, 2004
Departs 7:00am from Rainbow Bend
Contact Melissa Zelenak 231-398-6872
for more information.

1st ANNUAL MEN’S HEALTH FAIR
Date to be announced, held at Tribal Community
Center. Contact Jeremy (Deacon) Wilson or
Martin Trevan at 231-398-6629.

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Meeting Schedule & Calendar Abbreviations	
AL	Anishinaabemowin Language Class Every Thursday 12:20 pm - 1:20 pm Saplings Room @ Casino Every Tuesday 5:30 pm-7:00 pm Advanced Language Class @ Training Ctr.
EN	Enrollment Commission Meeting: LRBOI Administrative Building Every first and third Monday of the month at 5:30 pm
CP	Cultural Preservation Committee Meeting: Bank Building, Dome Room 3rd Floor Every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3:30 pm
ED	Education Committee Meeting: LRBOI Administrative Building Every 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm
EL	Elders Meeting: LRBOI Community Center First Saturday of the month at 12:00 pm

NR	Natural Resources Commission Meeting: East Lake Office First Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm
TC	Tribal Council Meeting: Bank Building, Dome Room 3rd Floor Every Wednesday at 10:00 am, every third Saturday - 10:00 am in the Bank Building Dome Room, and every third Tuesday (minutes review) at 1:30 pm in the Tribal Council Conference Room
WS	Warrior Society Meeting: LRBOI Community Center First Saturday of the month at 10:00 am
HO	Housing Commission Meeting: Bank Building, Law Library Every Thursday 5:30 pm
GA	Gaming Commission: Call for dates & directions Every other Saturday 9:00 am
BI	Binojeeuk Commission Meeting: Bank Building, Tribal Council Conference Room, every second Monday of the month at 10:00 am

Please note that meeting information is subject to change without prior notification. You should always call ahead to verify meeting schedules and agendas if you plan to attend.

DIRECT CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS		LRBOI TOLL-FREE 1-888-723-8288		ADDRESSES	
Ogema’s Office	1-231-398-6823	Training & Development	1-231-398-9372	Administration Building	Natural Resources
Tribal Council	1-231-398-6845	Wastewater & Utilities	1-231-723-2309	1762 US 31 South	159 Brickyard Road
• Elaine Porter	1-231-398-6833	Warrior’s Society	1-231-398-6720	Manistee, MI 49660	Manistee, MI 49660
• Pat Ruiter	1-231-398-6831	Bedabin Receptionist	1-231-398-6604	Just South of K-Mart Plaza	Big Blue off M-55
• Pamela Medahko	1-231-398-6849	Elder’s Coordinator	1-231-398-6709	Health Clinic	Tribal Court
• Steve Parsons	1-231-398-6830	Enrollment Officer	1-231-398-6712	310 9th Street	3031 Domres Road
• Brian Medacco	1-231-398-6828	Commodities Department	1-231-398-6715	Manistee, MI 49660	Manistee, MI 49660
• Janine Sam	1-231-398-6834	Currents News	1-231-398-6872	Above Child Care Center	In Newland Bldg
• Tammy Kleeman	1-231-398-6835	Natural Resources	1-231-723-1594	Little River Casino Resort	Government Offices
• Israel Stone	1-231-398-6807	Little River Casino Resort	1-231-398-6833	2700 Orchard Highway	375 River Street
• Lisa McCatty	1-231-398-6719	Toll-Free	1-888-568-2244	Manistee, MI 49660	Manistee, MI 49660
Health Clinic	1-231-723-8299	Maintenance Department	1-231-723-7733	Corner of M-22 & US-31	In National Bank Bldg
Toll-Free	1-888-382-8299	Housing Department	1-231-398-6734	Community Center	Public Safety
Job Hotline	1-866-556-5660	Member’s Assistance	1-231-398-6864	1762 US 31 South	3031 Domres Road
Language Hotline	1-877-789-0993	Public Safety, Administrative	1-231-398-3413	Manistee, MI 49660	Manistee, MI 49660
Tribal Court	1-231-398-3406	Public Safety, Non-Emergency		Just South of K-Mart Plaza	In Newland Bldg
		Tribal Officer Response	1-231-723-6241		

If you are a LRBOI Tribal member and are interested in serving on a Commission, Committee or Board, please submit your letter of interest to:

Little River Band
of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660

WARRIOR SOCIETY MEETING

July 17, 2004 10am

LRBOI Community Center

**For more info please contact Al
Medacco at 231-757-9092**

Please use the
Currents Submission Coupon on
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**LRBOI JOB
HOTLINE
1-866-556-5660**



Pictures of the Ludington Car Ferry
returning from Wisconsin.

First voyage of the 2004 season.
May 14, 2004 40 degrees and windy.
*Photos courtesy of Lynn Moore
& Rick Saunders*



In Touch

From Melissa Zelenak

Making History, Again

In 1936 Little River descendants wrote a letter to the Federal Government. The only surviving person who signed that letter is Ruth (Koon) Dean. Mrs. Dean was just 13 years old when she signed her name to the document that asks the United States to honor the treaty obligations made with our ancestors.

Today a new letter is ready to go to the President of the United States and other top U.S. officials to reiterate all the previous messages sent by our ancestors. Making history, again, Mrs. Dean signs the 2004 letter on the very first line.

PUBLIC SAFETY UPCOMING FEATURE ARTICLE

Have you ever seen a police cruiser without all the bells and whistles? In this picture, new grant-funded patrol cars, sans stickers, lights and other patrol car identifiers, look pretty plain while they wait to get the decals and lights applied.



In an upcoming feature on LRBOI Departments you can see how the patrols cars turned out and learn more about the Public Safety Department and the people who work there.

Dome Room gets some décor

If you've ever attended a meeting in the Dome Room at the LRBOI Bank building on River Street you know that it's a little hard to hear in there.

In an effort to help improve the acoustics, and brighten up the plain white walls, thick blankets have been hung.

The blanket below honors the Native Code Talkers. The LRBOI Maintenance Department is just about finished installing the wooden racks that hang the blankets.

Good job guys!



**"Of your unspoken words, you are the master;
of your spoken words, the servant;
of your written words, the slave."**

Quaker Quote

"Great minds have purposes, little minds have wishes."

Washington Irving



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Dedications & Announcements

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Happy Birthday to my Mom
Betty Lamorandier
on July 8th.
From Gail Lamorandier-Morris

**Happy Birthday Elder Joe Kelsey
July 20th**

CONGRATULATIONA MONICA PETTS
For Graduating from Plymouth High School
Love, Chris, Melissa & Christine Lodes

Happy 25th Anniversary
Stanley & Marjorie Petts
On June 10
Love Chris, Melissa & Christine Lodes
Many thanks to Barbara Kleeman for helping with
that special sewing project.
—LRBOI

**Happy Belated Birthday to my Big Sister
Lynette Duell, May 31st
Love You! Linda**

Happy Belated Birthday to my Big Brother
Thomas Marvin, June 2
Love You! Linda

**Happy Birthday to my Baby Sister
Lora Marvin, July 12
Love You! Linda**

Happy Birthday to a Wonderful Mother!
Jane Marvin, July 25
We All Love You!
Thomas, Lynette, Linda & Lora

Congratulations to Chelsea Bromley, for your
induction into the National Honor Society, One-
kama High School! Also, for maintaining a 4.0
(+) GPA, and your selection as the Sophomore
Class Prom Representative.

Hooray for Isabel "Izzy" Burger! Onto the first grade!
Have a great summer!

Congratulations on your graduation from pre-
school, Autum Carter! We are all so proud of
you! Love, Valerie

*Happy 49th Anniversary
June 4th
Mom & Dad, Grandma & Grandpa
Love, Nita, Jeremy, Janelle, James & Amy*

Congratulations Jeremy
on your graduation
I'm very proud of you.
Love Mom

Happy Birthday
Bridget Cole
From all your friends
at the Admin Office

Happy Birthday
Tina Vaquera
From all your friends at the Admin Office

Happy Birthday
Chad "the man" Gehrke
From all your friends at the Admin Office

Happy Birthday
Stacey "Handy" Gibson
From all your friends
at the Admin Office

*Happy 6th Birthday Ashlee,
July 24, 2004
Love Always: Granny, Mommy, Daddy,
Tammy, Amya, Baby Boy, Aunt Budha &
Uncle Mike*

**Happy Birthday Linda Hoover!
Love ya, Marcella**

Congratulations Erika Shepard
2 years in a row a 4.0 (4.11 Cumulative GPA) and
Student of the Month for the State of Michigan!
Your family is very proud of your dedication to your
education. Keep up the hard work.
Love Mom, Dad, Nikki, Michael & Samuel

**Happy 3rd Birthday to our Sweetie
Breanna Marie on July 11th
Love Mom, Dad & Brother Joshua**

Congratulations Heather Ann McClellan
Graduating from Benzie Central
Love Aunt Kim, Uncle Scott, Joshua &
Brenna

**Congratulations Heather Ann McClellan
for receiving scholarships from Ferris
State University. Way to Go!
Love Aunt Kim, Uncle Scott,
Breanna & Joshua**

Happy Belated Birthday
Old Goat Sonny Skocelas
From your buddy who fries fry bread better than
you!

Happy Birthday Leigh, I love you,
Your Sister, Dawn—July 15

**Happy Birthday Steve Jobes July 12th
Hoping as you get older, you get as wise as your
dear old mom", Love Mom**

Michelle Bernatche
Happy Birthday July 8th
From your friends
at the Admin. Office

**Happy 12th birthday for Ben Koon on
July 17th, from his family**

Happy Birthday Brian King
From Your Family

**Happy Birthday Squeaker
From All Of Us**

Happy Birthday
Kevin King
From All Of Us

**Happy Birthday Rod Mathews
From All Of Us**

Happy Fathers Day Bruce King
From All Of Us

**Happy Fathers Day Bob Renner
From All Of Us**

Congratulations Justin Kopp
On graduating from Kent City High School
this year, we're so proud of you
From All Of Us / We Love You

*July 6th, 2004
Happy 1st Birthday Keegan Kequam,
You are truly a blessing and a miracle
worker!
Love Your Grandma Shell*

Congratulations Son! On your graduation
from High school. We are proud of you.
"Apollo Tyrone Durga" son of Tim, Sr. &
Phyllis Durga of Puyallup, Washington.

**Happy Birthday John Sikorski "Buck"
July 17
Love, your family**

**Happy Birthday Rolland Sikorski "Pete"
July 31
Love, your family**

Happy Birthday Edna, July 29
Love, your sisters

**Happy Anniversary
Cliff & Sandy
43 years July 22
Love, your family**

Happy Birthday Rick Witkop

Happy Birthday Everett Synder

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Del Moore
Love, your family**

**LADIES LUNCHEON 1ST MONDAY OF MONTH
12-1PM @ LRBOI COMMUNITY CENTER**

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375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660



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